

## LA Nonprofits Involved in Advocacy Provide Significant Community Benefits, Report Finds

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Between 2004 and 2008, Los Angeles County nonprofits engaged in advocacy and organizing generated nearly \$7 billion in benefits for local residents, a new report from the [National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy](#) finds.

Based on a study of fifteen nonprofits in the county, the report, [Strengthening Democracy, Increasing Opportunities: Impacts of Advocacy, Organizing and Civic Engagement in Los Angeles County](#) (76 pages, PDF), found that every dollar foundations and other donors provided to community organizations engaged in advocacy and organizing generated \$91 in benefits for the communities they serve. Over the five-year study period, those benefits included \$2.6 billion in higher wages, \$2.2 billion in healthcare savings, and more than \$2 billion from the increased use of public transit, construction of new schools, and expanded affordable housing. The report also looked at non-monetized benefits provided by the groups, including the protection of voting rights, improved working conditions, and expanded service delivery to marginalized populations.

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